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REMARKS

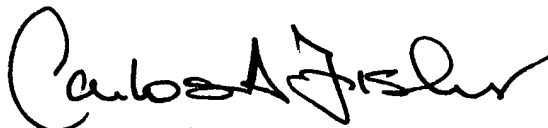
Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action mailed May 24, 2005, and have the following comments.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 60-66, 68, 72, 73, 76 and 77 are allowed.

The Applicants continue to believe that all the claims presented in the Reply filed February 9, 2005 are patentable in light of Gil, U.S. Patent 6,294,553, Shashoua et al., 5,795,909, Olejnik et al., and Hanssler et al., (Derwent Database on West DE 3309765), and reserve the right to pursue such claims in the future, for example, in a continuation or divisional application. Nevertheless, the Applicants have cancelled claims 36, 39-41, 43-50, 53-59, 70, 71, 74-76 and 78-86 to permit claims 60-66, 68, 72, 73 and 77, indicated as allowable, to proceed to issue.

No fee is thought to be due in connection with this communication. However, if Applicants are in error in this regard, kindly use Deposit Account 01-0885 for the payment of any charge now due.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carlos A. Fisher', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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